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FISHERIES AGREEMENTS (GIFA'S) - 1978 MID-YEAR
ATLANTIC ALLOTMENT

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1. IN MEETING AUG. 3 AT INITIATIVE OF GDR MFA USA DESK
OFFICER ELM, EMBOFF WAS INFORMED THAT THE GDR HAD NOT
PREVIOUSLY PROVIDED CATCH/EFFORT DATA FOR THE PERIOD
JULY-DECEMBER 1977 (REF A) BECAUSE THE GDR, CONTRARY
TO DEPARTMENT INFORMATION REF B, HAD MADE NO CATCHES
IN THE U.S. FISHERY ZONE IN THAT PERIOD. ELM NOTED
THAT THE USG HAD, IN FACT, RECOGNIZED THIS IN THE
REFUND BY NOAA OF \$18,943 IN OBSERVATION FEES REQUIRED
BY THE FISHERY CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT ACT FOR
THE LAST HALF OF 1978.

2. EMBOFF TOOK OPPORTUNITY PROVIDED BY MEETING TO
INFORM MFA OF POSSIBILITY OF AN ALLOCATION OF SILVER
HAKE FOR THE GDR FOR 1978 PER REF D. ELM COULD NOT
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COMMENT, BUT PROMISED PROMPT REPLY ON GDR INTEREST IN
SILVER HAKE AND PREPAREDNESS TO FISH FOR THE SPECIES
IN 1978.

3. COMMENT: REGARDING INTEREST OF GDR IN SILVER HAKE,
WE RECALL GDR NOTE DECEMBER 29, 1977, REQUESTING THAT
ALLOCATION OF 4,600 TONS OF HAKE AND 7,500 TONS OF SQUID

BE MADE AS A MEANS OF AVOIDING TOTAL EXCLUSION OF GDR
FROM U.S. FISHERY ZONE IN 1978 (REF E). ESTABLISHMENT OF
FISHERY ZONES AND QUOTAS HAS HIT THE GDR FISHING
INDUSTRY HARD IN 1978; OFFICIAL STATISTICS HAVE REPORTED
THAT AS A RESULT OF ZONES AND QUOTAS AVAILABILITY OF
FISH IN GDR IN THE FIRST SIX MONTHS OF 1978 DROPPED 9.9
PERCENT AS COMPARED WITH THE SAME PERIOD IN 1977. IF
THE GDR NOW INFORMS US THAT THEY ARE PREPARED TO FISH
FOR SILVER HAKE, U.S. ALLOCATION OF HAKE CATCH SIZABLE
ENOUGH TO BE OF ECONOMIC INTEREST TO THE GDR WILL BE A
WELCOME DEVELOPMENT IN US-GDR RELATIONS. EMBASSY
URGES, PARTICULARLY IN VIEW OF APPROACH WE HAVE MADE TO
GDR UNDER INSTRUCTIONS, THAT EVERY EFFORT BE MADE TO
PROVIDE GDR WITH SILVER HAKE ALLOCATION FOR 1978.
END COMMENT. BOLEN

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